

U.S. OFFICIALS DENY ALLIES ARE UNABLE TO WHIP FOE

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troops, affords a basis for an entirely different attitude. I feel more than cheerful. I am getting more and more confident every day of our power and the ultimate triumph of our cause."

The wisdom of circulating pessimistic opinion was brought into question everywhere that the stories were read. Off-hand, many people here, including officials, thought there was no harm in it. This is an outgrowth of a feeling that prevailed a month or more ago that the American people had to be aroused. But since then they have shown a wakefulness and a determination clearly proving that the American people do not have to exhibit themselves fanatically or in frenzied enthusiasm to give of their lives and their fortunes to the cause of the United States. Quiet determination has been confused with an alleged need of dramatic and spectacular patriotism.

No Lack of Morale.

I asked him about the returned military "observers" who are credited with saying the German lines were invincible. Mr. Baker had issued a statement this morning denying unequivocally such stories.

"You know," he said, "we get no such information. I think I have as much access to what is going on over there as anybody. Military reports of all kinds come to me. And I haven't heard or read a thing to bear out the stories of a lack of morale and hopelessness in the trenches. Things are getting better every day. We are moving forward."

Satisfied With Response.

The Government here seems to be quite well satisfied with the people's response to its demands. The American people are ready to help and to do anything that the Government wants done, if Washington will but point the way. There is no need for artificial stimulants just now, and no one in a responsible position in the Administration is advocating that kind of tactics. In fact, fears were expressed today that at the very time the young men of America were being summoned to arms, the total effect of unwarranted and unjustified pessimism would be to discourage and to depress.

No one is arguing that war is a frolic, but the pessimistic business can be overcome. And the feeling of most of the officials with whom this correspondent talked today was that while the facts should be given to the American people, no matter how unfavorable they might be, there was no justification for feeding out pessimistic opinion indiscriminately simply because one day's press dispatches reveal some reverses.

America must expect set-backs, but the impression of yesterday's outpouring was one of sheer hopelessness when the fact is the Government in Washington is more determined than ever before to exert the physical might of America to bring the war to a successful termination.

Catarrh Of The Stomach Is Dangerous

"Thousands Have It and Don't Know It." Says Physician. Frequently Mistaken for Indigestion, How to Recognize and Treat.

"Thousands of people suffer more or less constantly from flatulency, coated tongue, bad breath, sour burning stomach, frequent vomiting, rumbling in stomach, bitter eructations, gas, wind, and stomach acidity and call it indigestion when in reality their trouble is due to gastric catarrh of the stomach," writes a New York physician.

Catarrh of the stomach is dangerous because the mucous membrane lining of the stomach is thickened and a coating of phlegm covers the surface so that the digestive fluids cannot mix with the foods and digest them. This condition soon breeds deadly disease in the form of cancer, ulcerated stomach, blood poisoning, and carries the infection throughout the body. Gastric ulcers are apt to form and frequently an ulcer is the first sign of a deadly cancer.

In catarrh of the stomach a good and safe treatment is to take before meals a teaspoonful of pure Bismuth Magnesia in half a glass of hot water as hot as you can comfortably drink it. The hot water washes the mucous from the stomach walls and draws the blood to the stomach, while the bismuth magnesia is an excellent solvent for mucous and increases the efficiency of the hot water treatment. Moreover the Bismuth Magnesia will serve as a powerful but harmless antacid, which will neutralize any excess hydrochloric acid that may be in your stomach and sweeten its food contents. Bismuth, a natural digestive without distress of any kind should soon follow. Bismuth Magnesia is not a laxative, is harmless, pleasant and easy to take and can be obtained from any local druggist. Don't confuse Bismuth Magnesia with other forms of magnesia, milk, citrates, etc., but get it in the pure Bismuth form (powder or tablets), especially prepared for this purpose.—Adv.

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U.S. OFFICERS ARE HOPEFUL OVER RUSSIA, BAKER AVERS

American army officers, returned from France after an inspection of the western theater of war, did not report that the German position was impregnable and invincible.

They reported quite the contrary, according to Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

Conditions in Russia, too, are not as bad as they have been pictured, the Secretary said. Reports of conditions there and on the eastern front were due, he said, to an insufficient understanding of conditions in Russia and of the people.

The Secretary expressed confidence and security as to Russia.

Caution Stories Erroneous.

With respect to alarming reports of the invincibility of the Germans in the west, the Secretary said published statements of the report of the officers who went over with Pershing and returned to report to the authorities here, had been erroneously drawn and did not give a true picture of conditions.

While the Secretary would make no statement as to the report of these officers, he made it apparent that they not only did not paint a dark picture of conditions in France, but brought back information of a most cheering nature to the military authorities.

Inspection With the Published Reports.

Secretary Baker issued the following statement:

"On one of the morning newspapers members of the party of officers returned from France are credited with an expression of opinion to the effect that the German line on the western front in Europe is impregnable."

I have succeeded in reaching all the members of this military mission, and am assured that no one of them has expressed such an opinion either to a newspaper man or to anybody else, including his own associates on the mission. The alleged expression, therefore, is wholly without foundation.

"The members of the military mission were sent abroad to study technical questions. They were accorded the fullest opportunity by both the British and the French governments to complete their study, and were given opportunity to observe actual conditions at the front."

"The mission is unanimous in its praise of the splendid morale of the allied forces on the western front, and while it shares the general realization of the gravity of this war, it returned without any pessimistic opinion whatever as to the final outcome."

SOLDIER-AUTHOR WOULD INTERVIEW CHICAGO MAYOR

CHICAGO, July 26.—A demand by Sergt. Arthur Guy Empey, author of "Over the Top," that Mayor William Hale Thompson be interviewed until the war is over, was the latest contribution today to the long list of attacks on Chicago's mayor for his pro-German utterances.

"Any man who will make the utterances that Mayor Thompson has made should be in an internment camp, with barbed wire around him, and a bayonet pointed at his ribs," said Empey.

REGULAR ARMY SWELLS.

Volunteering for the regular army is increasing heavily since the draft lottery. The high water mark was reached in today's reports, 2,370 men having been accepted for the service yesterday.

300 MEN APPLY TO RECRUITERS IN ONE DAY TO FIGHT

Three hundred would-be Sammlers applied at the army recruiting station here today for information which would, they believed, result in their being accepted for service abroad. It was a record number of would-be recruits, according to Sergt. William C. Hunt.

Many were disqualified because of physical disabilities, age requirements, and dependents.

A number of applicants for enlistment in the navy were not even examined, since but six branches of the service are open here. These branches include musician, machinist's mate, baker, cook, cooper, smith, and radio electrician. After this week's appointments, seamen will be accepted, as well as a few men with technical training.

ESOTERIC LETTERS TO PRISONERS BARRED

The Oriental Esoteric League, of this city, which furnishes correspondence for men in prison, will no longer be permitted to put its women members in correspondence with the inmates of penal institutions of New York city. Burdette G. Lewis, city commissioner of corrections of New York, announced today that no mail hereafter will be delivered to prisoners from members of the league.

A New York prisoner recently was alleged to have been placed in correspondence with a fourteen-year-old West Virginian girl. The league denied that it furnished the name of the prisoner to the girl.

"I am convinced the whole thing is wrong," said Commissioner Lewis, in announcing his policy. "Women correspondents have no conception or understanding of prisons and prisoners. Prisoners, as a rule, woefully misunderstand the reason for their incarceration."

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His Rescue, After Hour and a Half Imprisonment in the Sewer, Saved Him From Almost Certain Death.

Yesterday afternoon Joe Moran, a twelve-year-old Washington boy, faced almost certain death for ninety minutes and never lost his nerve. Swept into a sewer, the chances favored his being swept along underground for six miles and then he washed out into the river.

A filtration plant workman named Thomas H. Green, by the merest chance, opened a manhole in the parking of the filtration plant district, along Hobart street, and found the boy clinging in the black depths, piping plaintively for help.

Joe told the story of his trip through the blackness of the sewer, a distance of nearly two city blocks, to a policeman, as he rode to Garfield Hospital in the patrol wagon yesterday afternoon. The description he gave was as follows:

BY JOSEPH MORAN.

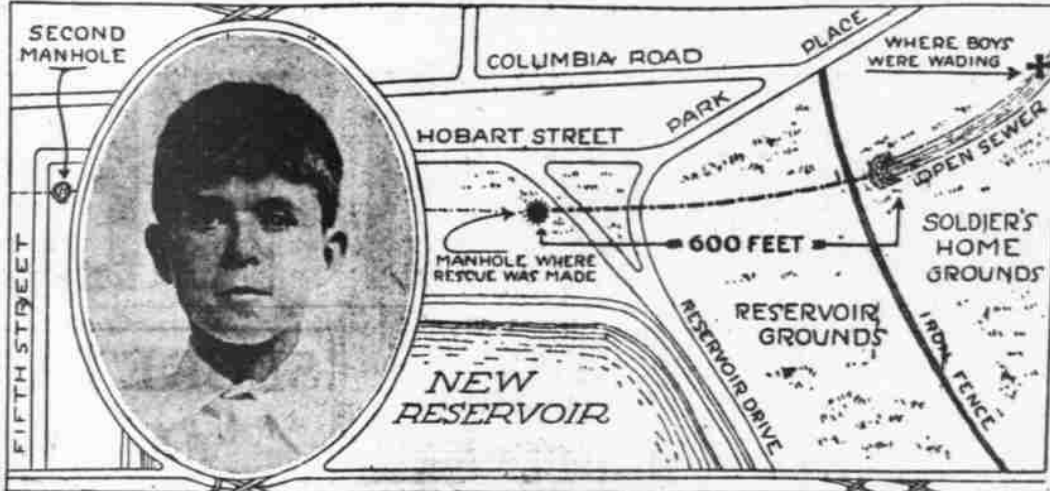
"Another boy named Bobbie Bowman—there he is—(Bobbie was riding to the hospital with Joe) and I were wading the gutter in the park. It was raining, but we didn't care, and pretty soon, Bob says to me:

"Joe, this current's gettin' swift. We better get out."

"I didn't think the current was gettin' swift, though, so we kept on wading. All of a sudden Joe and I looked up the gutter and here came a big rush of water. It looked like a little wall, only it made the gutter deeper'n my waist. It was up around my arms. Joe gave a jump and climbed up the side of the gutter and he tried to grab at me, but the water was too quick.

"All of a sudden I felt the water hit me, and I couldn't keep my feet. It was awful swift. I tried to grab the sides as I went along, but I couldn't hold on. I looked down the gutter and the big sewer was getting closer and closer every second. (The sewer had a stone entrance about five feet high.)

"I tried awful hard to keep from going into the sewer, but I couldn't help it. Then all of a sudden, everything was dark—oh, dark as anything. I couldn't see the sides or the top or anything, except the hole where I came in, and that kept getting smaller and smaller. Pretty soon, I couldn't



Joe Moran and a Diagram of His Trip Through the Sewer.

see it at all, and I kept going and going and couldn't stop. The bottom was kinda sandy, but I couldn't stop. It kept making me walk.

"I put out one hand—no, I wasn't scared, exactly. I just wondered how I was gonna get out when the water went down. Then I felt my hand hit something, and I grabbed it, and it was a rusty nail. I held on tight, and I didn't think about much of anything.

"I didn't know what to do exactly, but I thought I'd wait till the water got low again, and then I'd wade back the way I had come. (Sewer men said yesterday that the lake outlet sewer empties into a bigger sewer a short distance after it leaves the reservoir grounds, and that Joe could not have lived in the larger sewer, owing to gases and its depth.)

"While I was hanging on, the water was splashin' and roarin' in my ears, and I couldn't see a thing. Then, when the water was going down a little I saw a flash of light, and I looked up. There was a hole away up above my head, and I could see a man's legs. (This was Green preparing to descend into the manhole.) Then he lowered a lantern, and I could see a little. Then I thought I better holler, and he heard me, and told me to hang on. He seemed so scared that he kinda scared me, specially when he told me to tie the rope around me. I tied it under my arms, and it cut, but I didn't care. When I put my head out of the hole, I wasn't in Soldier Home at all. I was down near the reservoir. That must be an awful long sewer."

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"It was water on the surface, mire at the bottom. He was very soon deep in the mire.

"He could no longer turn back. He sank in deeper and deeper. The water came up to his armpits.

"The density which was the support was also the obstacle. He sank still deeper, he threw his face back to escape the water and to be able to breathe; he made a desperate effort and thrust his foot forward; his foot struck something solid, a support.

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Belgian Mission Delighted With Nation's Welcome

"We have traveled 8,000 miles, and everywhere the evidence of friendship and expressions of sorrow over our country's sufferings were so whole-hearted that we feel the ties between Belgium and the United States are forged of steel and can never be broken."

This was the declaration today of Baron Moncheur, head of the Belgian mission to the United States, which returned to Washington yesterday after a trip through the West.

"I have made more than sixty speeches, and have only begun to tell the people of the gratitude my suffering countrymen feel toward all Americans," said Baron Moncheur.

"The way in which you Americans are rallying to your flag," continued the baron, "and placing your great resources at the command of the allies is truly wonderful, and to me spells crushing defeat for the Kaiser in the near future. With a great nation like this—and more especially with the people of the nation—of blind us, I feel that the triumph of right and justice can not be far off."

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Ease Itching Skins with Cuticura

It's wonderful how quickly a hot bath with Cuticura Soap followed by a gentle anointing with Cuticura Ointment relieves itching, burning eczemas, rashes, pimples, irritations, etc. The mission of Cuticura is not only to soothe and heal but to prevent skin troubles by keeping the pores free from impurities and irritations. For sample of each free by return mail, address postcard, "Cuticura, Dept. 18 G, Boston." Sold everywhere. Soap 25c. Ointment 25 and 50c.

To Quickly Remove Ugly Hairs From Face

(Beauty Notes)

Beauty-destroying hairs are soon banished from the skin with the aid of a delicate paste, made by mixing some water with a little plain powdered talc. This is spread upon the hairy surface for 2 or 3 minutes, then rubbed off and the skin washed to remove the remaining talc. This simple treatment banishes every trace of hair and leaves the skin without a blemish. Caution should be used to be certain that it is talc you buy.—Adv.

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The organizations will include the peasants, soldiers, workmen, and Cosacks' congresses.

GOETHALS TO GO TO FRANCE TO COMMAND U.S. ENGINEERS

Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals, U.S.A., retired, has applied for active duty in France and, his friends declare, has received virtual assurance he will be placed in charge of the tremendous engineering project connected with the occupation by American forces of a large part of the allied line on the western front, says a Washington dispatch to the New York Sun.

President Wilson is said to be strongly impressed with the feeling that a man of Goethals' accomplishments as an engineer should not be overlooked in the face of the great need for engineering talent and administrative genius in connection with the work of American forces abroad.

Railroads Worn Out.

One of the first demands made upon this country by the allies was that we furnish men and supplies for repairing and rebuilding thousands of miles of railroad worn out by the tremendous traffic in military supplies behind the lines on the western front.

To this task must be added the complete new system which the American force will need, the construction of new lines of communication as the positions of the armies change and the co-ordination of all these lines into one great scheme of military railways.

For this work the United States already has sent over thousands of men, railroad engineers, foresters, and construction engineers, but the units so far sent over and the work undertaken represent, it is said, only a small part of the contribution expected of this country in that line.

His Ability Proved.

The task involves preparation of lines of communication for the big drive in which America is expected to have upward of a million men.

General Goethals has proved his ability to handle a job of this kind. His Panama canal experience will have application to such a task. Moreover, much of the tried and proved personnel of his Panama canal organization would still be available.

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SLAV TROOPS, NEAR PANIC, OFFER WEAK RESISTANCE

GENEVA, July 26.—German troops who fought their way across the Sereth river, under the eyes of the Kaiser, are now approaching the Russian frontier, driving the Russians before them, according to reports from Berlin and Vienna today.

The crossing was won near Tarnopol after hard fighting, for the Russians' rear guard put up strong resistance.

The Russian defense of Buczacz are under heavy fire from German guns.

In the lower ranges of the Carpathians the Russo-Romanian forces are attempting a counter-offensive in an effort to offset the pressure of the Austro-German armies in Galicia.

The losses inflicted upon the Russians is said by Berlin advisors to be the heaviest of the whole war. The casualties among the officers were especially severe.

Dictator Kerensky and General Korniloff are taking the most drastic measures to restore discipline in the army. Scores of executions occur daily in cases where the troops refuse to obey their officers or retire in the face of Austro-German attacks.

In the Stanislas sector the Russians have fallen back about forty miles from the most advanced point reached by them on the Lomnica river.

CARPATHIAN ARMY AIDS GEN. KORNILOFF

Russian forces on the Roumanian and Smorzon-Kreso fronts are fighting desperately to relieve the pressure on General Korniloff in Galicia, according to cablegrams received at the Russian embassy today.

General Schervatschew, in command of the Russian southern army in the Carpathians, has, with assistance of the Roumanians, made a vicious assault on Teuton positions, capturing several strong hills, nineteen machine guns, and many prisoners, it was announced.

Siberian regiments along the Smorzon-Kreso front have moved against the Germans violently, capturing fifty machine guns and 2,000 prisoners, cables say.

Renewed Russian activity on these fronts has foiled the Kaiser's plan to envelope or turn the left flank of General Korniloff's army in Galicia, the cables add. Korniloff is bearing the greatest pressure of the German advance, but is retreating slowly and in good order, preferring to lose ground rather than sacrifice his troops uselessly.

Near Korniloff, slightly to the north, General Tcheremashow is also withdrawing to maintain an even Russian front.

The embassy today denied emphatically that the Russian war machine has entirely collapsed.

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